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# S. 2119

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Veterans  
5 Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) The Armed Forces of the United States  
4 have answered the call and served with distinction  
5 around the world—from hitting the beaches in  
6 World War II in the Pacific and Europe, to the cold  
7 and difficult terrain in Korea, the steamy jungles of  
8 Vietnam, and the desert sands of the Middle East.

9 (2) All Americans should commemorate those  
10 who come home having survived the ordeal of war,  
11 and solemnly honor those who made the ultimate  
12 sacrifice in giving their lives for their country.

13 (3) All Americans should honor the millions of  
14 living disabled veterans who carry the scars of war  
15 every day, and who have made enormous personal  
16 sacrifices defending the principles of our democracy.

17 (4) In 2000, Congress authorized the construc-  
18 tion of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Me-  
19 morial.

20 (5) The United States should pay tribute to the  
21 Nation’s living disabled veterans by minting and  
22 issuing a commemorative silver dollar coin.

23 (6) The surcharge proceeds from the sale of a  
24 commemorative coin would raise valuable funding  
25 for the construction of the American Veterans Dis-  
26 abled for Life Memorial.

1 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

2 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
3 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
4 shall mint and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in  
5 commemoration of disabled American veterans, each of  
6 which shall—

7 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

8 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

9 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent  
10 copper.

11 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
12 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
13 title 31, United States Code.

14 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
15 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
16 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
17 matic items.

18 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

19 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
21 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the de-  
22 sign selected by the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Me-  
23 morial Foundation for the American Veterans Dis-  
24 abled for Life Memorial.

25 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
26 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

- 1 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;  
2 (B) an inscription of the year “2010”; and  
3 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
4 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
5 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

6 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
7 under this Act shall be—

8 (1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation  
9 with the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Memorial Foun-  
10 dation and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

11 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
12 Committee.

13 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

14 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
15 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

16 (b) MINT FACILITY.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Only 1 facility of the United  
18 States Mint may be used to strike any particular  
19 quality of the coins minted under this Act.

20 (2) USE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT  
21 WEST POINT, NEW YORK.—It is the sense of the  
22 Congress that the coins minted under this Act  
23 should be struck at the United States Mint at West  
24 Point, New York, to the greatest extent possible.

1       (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
2 issue coins under this Act only during the calendar year  
3 beginning on January 1, 2010.

4 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

5       (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
6 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
7 of—

8           (1) the face value of the coins;

9           (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-  
10 spect to such coins; and

11           (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
12 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
13 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

14       (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
15 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
16 discount.

17       (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
19 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
20 before the issuance of such coins.

21           (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
22 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
23 sonable discount.

1 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this  
3 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

4 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
5 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
6 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
7 shall be paid to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial  
8 Foundation for the purpose of establishing an endowment  
9 to support the construction of American Veterans' Dis-  
10 abled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C.

11 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United  
12 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,  
13 documents, and other data of the Disabled Veterans'  
14 LIFE Memorial Foundation as may be related to the ex-  
15 penditures of amounts paid under subsection (b).

16 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
17 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
18 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
19 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
20 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
21 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2  
22 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
23 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in  
24 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-

- 1 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
- 2 this subsection.

